

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 8, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17 are currently being cancelled.

Claims 7, 9, 13 and 15 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment amends and cancels claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending and canceling the claims as set forth above, claims 7, 9, 13 and 15 are now pending in this application.

Request for entry of after-final Amendment and Reply:

Applicant respectfully requests that this after-final Amendment and Reply be considered and entered, since: a) it does not raise any new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (for example, claim 7 has been amended to include the features of its dependent claims 8 and 11, and claim 15 has been amended to include the features of its base claim 13 and claim 12); and b) it lessens the number of potential issues for appeal.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 7-9 and 11-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0133153 to Shinoda. This rejection is traversed with respect to the presently pending claims under rejection, for the reasons provided below.

Shinoda does not disclose or suggest any features in which data to be printed on a surface of an image forming medium (or data to be written on an IC chip embedded in the image forming medium) can be selected from either: a) an image on a surface of an original, or b) an image based on the data stored in the IC chip embedded in the original, in accordance with an operational mode instructed by a user (operational mode that is input by a user via a control panel, as recited in claim 7). In more detail, the claimed “first control unit” and the

claimed “second control unit” are different from a combination of an original data managing database, a program database, a managing server, and a wireless network.

In the system as described in Shinoda, in order to achieve an object of insuring the reliability of a document issued by the issuer, when it has been confirmed that the document is original, image data registered in a database (or image data stored in an IC chip) is output to a printer or the like. In other words, Shinoda does not disclose or suggest any selecting of data to be printed on a surface of an image forming medium in accordance with an operational mode instructed by a user.

That is, in the system of Shinoda, a user is not provided with the capability of selecting the image to be printed on a surface of the image forming medium from an image on a surface of an original and an image based on data stored in an IC chip embedded in the original.

In contrast, in the presently pending claims, data to be printed on a surface of the image forming medium (or data to be written on an IC chip which is embedded in the image forming medium) can be selected from the image on the original and the image based on data stored in the IC chip which is embedded in the original, in accordance with the user’s instruction.

By this feature, any user can easily choose the image to be printed on a surface of the image forming medium from the image on the original and the image based on the data stored in the IC which is embedded in the original. Such effect and advantage cannot be achieved from the disclosure of Shinoda.

Furthermore, anticipation requires that each claimed feature be disclosed by Shinoda. That is clearly not the case here and, therefore, the applied anticipation rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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